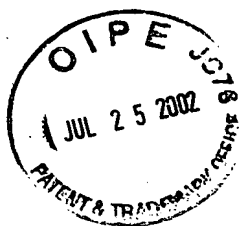


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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 030682-066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
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Atsushi MITYANISHI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2815
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Application No.: 09/114,203)	Examiner: Bradley Baumeister
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Filed: July 13, 1998)	Confirmation No.: 8932
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ *Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

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☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (103) =	0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 6 =		× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Date: July 25, 2002

Sir:

This response responds to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002 (Paper No. 27).

Concurrently filed with this response is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes.

REMARKS

This response responds to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002 in which the Examiner objected to the drawing and rejected claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Concurrently filed with this response is a Request for Approval Drawing Changes in order to label Figures 16, 19 and 22 background art, since these Figures are not publicly known. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approves the corrections and withdraws the objection thereto.